

Please amend the present application as follows:

Specification

The following is a copy of Applicant's specification that identifies language being added with underlining ("____") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—") or brackets ("[[]]"), as is applicable:

Page 8, lines 5 through 20.

In some embodiments, the network proxy 404 106 comprises a conventional proxy (e.g., Web proxy server) of the type through which network traffic for a given network (e.g., local area network (LAN)), for instance behind a firewall, and that may be used to filter incoming traffic and/or cache local copies of Web objects (e.g., Web pages, files, images) to reduce network latency and traffic. In such a case, however, the network proxy 602 is modified to, as described above, redirect communications to mock network services and/or, as described below, facilitate collection of information that pertains to network service operation.

Use of a conventional proxy as the basis for the network proxy 404 106 is convenient in that such proxies "see" all network traffic in conventional applications anyway. Notably, where only the redirection functionality and/or information collection functionality is/are desired, the network proxy 106 need not comprise filtering or caching capabilities. The network proxy 106 can be written in substantially any language including, for example, Java and C. A Java implementation may be desirable in some cases in that Java enables transmission of HTTP requests to the network proxy 106.